

BUILDING PERMITS CONTINUE TO MANIFEST STRENGTH

OFFICE BUILDING TO COST \$400,000

Plans for Handsome Structure on Old Stone Site.

MODERN IN EVERY DETAIL

Work of Razing the Old Mansion to Commence in a Few Days.

In a few days the work of tearing down one of the well-known landmarks of the business section—the Stone mansion at the corner of Fourteenth and F streets—will begin and before the snow flies it is intended to have erected on its site one of the handsomest and most modern office buildings the city possesses. The deal by which it finally passes out of the ownership of the Stone family into that of George H. Higbee, of Burlington, Iowa, and the remarkable price of \$75 per foot, which was paid for the ground, the highest that has ever been paid in this city, has already been fully published and has excited more comment than probably any other transaction of late years.

In a few months there will arise upon the site an office building that is estimated to cost about \$400,000, which, together with the cost of the ground, will make an investment of approximately \$400,000.

Designed by Boston Architect.

The design of the new building is by H. L. A. Jekel, a prominent architect of Boston, who has made considerable reputation in designing large buildings. The idea adopted is entirely different from anything else in the city and is most harmonious and beautiful in conception.

Having a row of ten Ionic columns as a base, running up to the height of two stories, with a shaft of five stories and above that a cap of two stories more, the idea is one of grace and unity, while the rich ornamentation will give a striking effect to the whole mass.

Front of White Terra Cotta.

The entire front will be constructed of the new glazed terra cotta of creamy white, while the bricks, which will be used in the front, will be of the same finish. The columns will be thirty-two feet in height and surmounted by a cornice of corresponding style.

The building will have three entrances, two to the first floor offices and one to the second floor, which will give to the occupants of the ground floor entrance both on F and Fourteenth streets.

The corridor leading to the upper floors will be handsomely finished in marble mosaics and bronze, while an elevator stairway will lead from the corridor to the mezzanine and thence to the second floor entrance which will have an almost entire glass front.

Ten Stories High.

The building will be ten stories in height, or the full amount allowed by law, and will cover the entire lot which fronts 29 feet on F street and 58 feet on Fourteenth street. Two modern elevators will carry passengers to each floor, while all the necessary conveniences of the most modern office building will be provided for occupants.

Mr. Jekel has no specimens of his work in this city, and it is expected that he will make a special effort to give the Capital an office building of the finest and most up-to-date design.

Handsome Surroundings.

With the Wyatt building on the opposite corner, the New Willard Hotel diagonally opposite and the Ebbitt House across the street the neighborhood will present a metropolitan appearance and will represent a vast improvement in the past half dozen years. The transaction, which was made through the agency of Westcott & Story, and was consummated by the filing with the city of a large amount of outside capital which will go to the adornment of one of the most prominent corners in the city.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE AT 1225 F STREET

In a few days workmen will be busily engaged tearing out and remodeling 1225 F street, which is to be occupied by an effectual person who has branches in all the large cities and is doing a business with a confident feeling that this city affords a good opportunity for a business of this class. The present occupants, J. Carr's Sons, jewelers, will remove to the corner of Fifteenth street and New York avenue, in a portion of the building recently vacated by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

MARCH OF BUSINESS ALONG H STREET

Another old residence that a few years ago was surrounded only by fashionable houses is now undergoing general repairs intended to make it suitable for office purposes. House 1502 H is being remodeled and when the improvements are completed will be occupied by William Corcoran Hill as a real estate office. The entire front is being taken out and other changes made to adapt it for its new purposes.

BUILDING COTTAGES AT RANDLE HIGHLANDS

The United States Realty Company has taken out a permit to build three two-story frame cottages at Randle Highlands, which are estimated to cost \$7,500. Appleton P. Clark, Jr., is the architect, and it is intended to construct them models of comfort and convenience for dwellings of that kind.

The demand for houses is springing up rapidly in that section and the company is making plans to successfully meet it.

AUCTION SALE OF AN OLD LANDMARK

The Gross house, 1075 Wisconsin avenue northwest, being a large frame structure, will be sold at public auction on the afternoon of June 7.

MONTROSE HOTEL WELL LOCATED

In Line of Improvements in Business Section.

OWNER, RICH COLORED MAN

Property Held in Family Over Seventy Years Finally Passes Into New Hands.

The march of improvement and the great advance in prices of Washington real estate, more particularly in the section contiguous to the corner of New York avenue and Fourteenth street, shows no signs of abatement.

This was particularly true of the sale announced more than a week ago of the Hotel Montrose, situated at the corner of Fourteenth and H streets northwest, for which it was stated approximately \$100,000 was paid. The lot contains 3,450 feet, and the price stated brings it close to \$30 per foot. As the improvements, however, consist of a handsome six-story building long used for hotel purposes the cost of the ground cannot be so closely calculated. Good judges, however, consider the purchase a very excellent one and predict a good advance to the new owner should be at any time desirous to dispose of it.

Built Twenty Years Ago.

It is now about a score of years ago since this building was erected by its late owner, John F. Cook, who is well remembered as having served for years as collector of taxes for the District, having been appointed by President Grant and served under several succeeding administrations.

Seventy Years in the Family.

For seventy years the property has been owned by the Cook family and old residents will recall the small structures that stood upon the corner and for many years resisted the march of improvement that was gradually forcing its way in that direction. Mr. Cook, who is probably the wealthiest man of his race in the city on coming into possession of the property projected and built the hotel which under several names, has continuously offered a temporary home to the traveling public.

The title to the property was taken by Benjamin B. Bradford, trustee, who is understood to represent an investor that has recently figured in several prominent deals in that locality. The late R. C. Holtzman, real estate broker, represented Mr. Cooke in the transaction.

WILL BUILD SMALL HOUSES EXTENSIVELY

L. E. Breuninger, builder, has during the past week taken out permits to build twelve two-story brick houses, six of them being located at 103-113 R street northeast, and four more on the opposite side at 102-108. The estimated cost of these houses is \$35,000. The other two houses are on First street northeast and will cost \$5,000. Architect N. E. Grim has drawn the plans for all of them and has made a very neat and practical dwelling in each case.

FOUR NEW DWELLINGS ON THIRTY-THIRD STREET

James T. and William Haney have plans out for the construction of four two-story modern brick dwellings on the east side of Thirty-third street, between Q and Dent place northwest. J. H. McIntyre will build the houses.

HACKING A HACK.

Some women, getting angry in a hack, might have minded their feet and said, "Oh, mercy."

Hazel Murdock took out her pocket knife and cut and slashed the inside furnishings of the carriage into fringed wadding.

When the polite hackman opened the door to let her out at her destination, her beautiful, "lacy" carriage looked like the inside of a shoddy mattress. It was cut into ribbons—haggled into shreds.

Hazel's apology was as eccentric as her dreadful deed. She said the thought the hack belonged to her dear husband.

She did not say whether she is accustomed to fall upon her parlor furniture in her pretty rages or whether they keep a bale of cotton for her to relieve her feelings upon.

The sympathetic hack driver, E. J. Bowman, sued her and her husband, F. Murdock, for \$1,000 damages, \$500 in injury to the carriage, \$500 shock to his outraged feelings.

It seems that Hazel's husband was a hack driver and when she married him a year or so ago, she was a lady with a business of her own and relieved him somewhat from the strenuous cares of a business career.

They hit one of the marital chuckholes and he left his happy home. In the days of his dejection, he is claimed to have sold his carriage and gone far away from the reach of his troubles. Bowman bought his carriage. Hazel didn't know it.

In her wrath, Hazel had to take it out on the carriage. So sweetly did she chatter the vehicle that cabby was so harshly suspicious within his breast as he gallantly assisted her into the luxurious chaise.

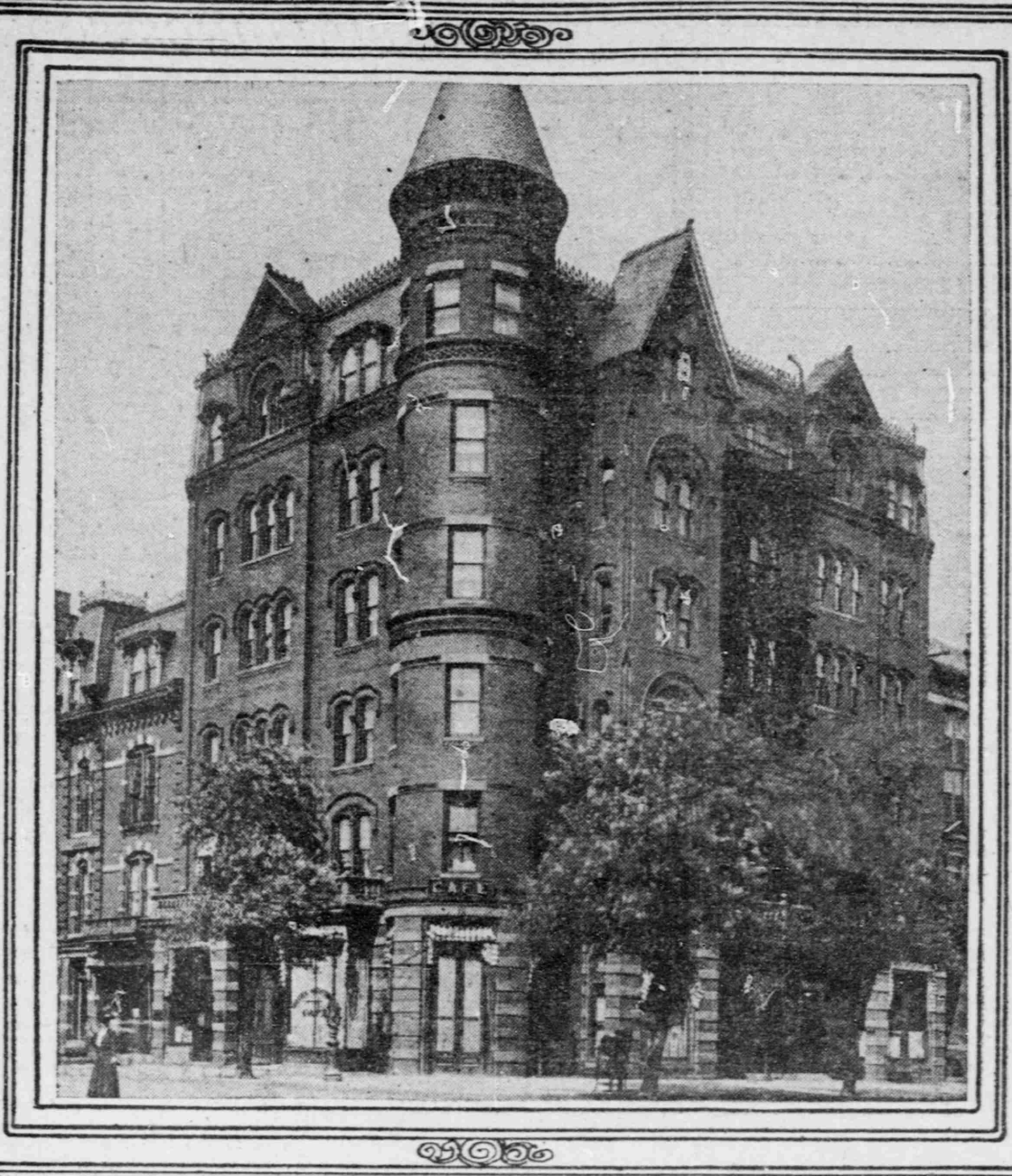
She asked to be conveyed to an address on San Pedro street. As he gave a jolting crack to his whip, and they trudged over the slick pavements, little did he dream that the busy little lady inside was chewing his elegant leather cushions into Virginia fluff.

When he pulled up with a flourish at the destination, and threw open the hack door, the lady stepped haughtily out of the nice little nest she had made for herself out of the fragments.

The horrified hack driver tried to remonstrate with the cabby, but she snatched her tapering fingers in his face and said: "Tush for you!"

His next move was to bring this civil suit for damages, filed yesterday.—Los Angeles Times.

MONTROSE HOTEL SOLD TO STILSON HUTCHINS



This Fine Property Occupies a Splendid Situation, Corner of Fourteenth and H Streets, in the New Northwest Office District.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED YESTERDAY

Seventh street southwest, between I and K streets—George C. Humphrey et al. to John B. Burchell and Angus G. Trammell, lot 56, square 470, \$10.

Clark Mill Estate—Katherine L. Johnson et al. to John O. to Norman E. Ryan, part lot 3, \$10.

Twelfth street southeast, between G and I streets—William Cammack et al. to Allen Ashton, part lot 11, square 1020, \$10.

Pleasant Plains—William S. Minix et al. to Charles H. Bradley, lot 21, \$10.

Chichester—Monumental Savings Association to Richard M. Parker, lots 49 and 50, block 2, \$10.

Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—George G. Brown to Mary C. Held, lots 17 and 18, block 4, \$10.

Reservoir View—Max Cohen to Julius Cohen, lot 17, block 2, \$10.

Pinehurst—Pinehurst Park Company to Elbert R. and Clara E. Brown, block 2, \$10.

N street northwest, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets—Shelton T. Cameron et al. to Julianna M. P. Powelle, part lot 8, square 1218, \$10.

Lincoln—Nellie McL. Jenkins et al. to William, to Daniel E. Kleps, lots 32 to 37, square 1283, \$10.

Lincoln—Margaret Davis to John J. Snyder and Mary M. Snyder, lot 10, block 3, \$10.

314 street northwest—Hugh H. Morgan to Charles Taubersmidt, lot 23, square 382, \$10.

Lincoln—Nellie McL. Jenkins et al. to Nellie L. Jenkins, lots 45, block 5, \$10.

Ninth street northwest, between Q and R streets—Raymond J. Cooley to Jacob S. Moser, lot 147, square 304, \$10.

Alley between R and S, Sixth and Seventh streets northwest—James E. Padgett et al. trustees, to Henry Newman, lot W, square 442, \$20.

Addition to Congress Heights—Henry C. Longnecker et al. to John W. Humphries, lot 32, block 5, \$10.

Thirtieth street southeast, between G and I streets—Gold et al. to Frank W. and Mary L. Dobey, lot 3, square 1045, \$10.

Granby—Henry A. Vieth et al. to John E. Major, lots 8 and 9, \$10.

212 Florida avenue northwest—William Grant et al. to Margaret W. Hosler, lot 9, square 589, \$10.

Addition to LeDroit Park—Harry Wardman to William T. Grant, lot 42, square 32, \$10.

U street northwest, between Seventh and Eighth streets—George E. Hamilton et al. to Franklin T. Sanborn, lots 146 and 147, square 151, \$480.

Mary H. Myers to same, lots 144 and 145, square 151, \$450.

Cleveland Heights—Charles M. Barlick to William E. Sims, lot 5, block 1, \$10.

Maria L. Hanson to William E. Sims, lot 6, block 1, \$10.

William E. Sims to Lucy S. Beggs, lots 5 and 6, block 1, \$10.

Addition to Kenilworth—Allen W. Mattingly et al. to William B. Swindells, lot 2, block 2, \$10.

3112 Q street northwest—Annaline S. Barron to Annie S. Harkness, lot 32, square 120, \$2,500.

Trinidad—Horatio N. Taplin et al. trustees, to J. Corwin Taplin, lot 27, block 2, \$5,700.

J. Corwin Taplin conveys same property to Horatio N. Taplin, lot 27, block 2, \$5,700.

Sixth street northeast—John O'Connell et al. to Frank S. Reynolds, lot 172, square 80, \$10.

LeDroit Park—Jennette R. Lenman to Samuel L. Jones, lot 41, block 13, \$10.

Kalamazoo Heights—Margaret G. Parsons to John Hays Hammond, lot 4, block 19, \$10.

Sixteenth street northwest, between P and Q streets—Celia H. McG. Craig, to Archibald Gracie, part original lot 11, square 184, \$2,000.

Alley between L and M, Third, and Fourth and-a-half streets southwest—William E. Mattingly to Ann Gertrude Mattingly, lots 86 and 87, square 44, \$10.

Second street southeast between E and G streets—Gilbert J. Osterman et al. to Mary Flagler, lot 32, square 765, \$10.

Fourteenth and Corcoran streets northwest—Henry M. Baker to William J. Dante, lots 104 and 105, square 208, \$10.

448 Fifth street northeast—George W. Taylor to Frank H. Wurzbacher, lot 33, square 88, \$10.

Fifth street northeast between K and

L streets—Fritz Brandt et al. to William A. Rogers and Katie C. Rogers, lot 21, square 86, \$10.

Petworth—Thomas E. Jarrell et al. to Arthur C. Shaw, lot 33, block 28, \$10.

Randle Highlands—National Safe Deposit Security and Trust Company, trustee, to United States Realty Company, lot 4, block 2, lot 24, block 5, lot 31, block 10, lot 20, block 14, lot 23, block 16, lot 17, lots 15 to 18, 21, and 24, block 12, \$10.

Fortune Enlarged—Charles R. Brooks to Charles Bourne, part lot 10, \$10.

628 Twenty-third street northwest—Emile E. Holm et al. to Kate Gray, lot 12, square 43, \$10.

Buena Vista—John Byrnes, trustee, to Richard L. Baltimore, lots 6, 7, and 9, block 7, \$10.

Same to Jeremiah A. Baltimore, lot 8, block 7, \$10.

K street northwest, near Thirty-first street—Aldis R. Brown et al. trustees, to Columbia National Sand Dredging Company, part square 1173, \$50,000.

Mount Pleasant—Andrew M. Curry to Spencer B. Prentiss, lots 324, 325, 326, \$10.

South Brookland—William W. Price et al. to William Sheild Holton, lots 4, 5, and 6, block 8, \$10.

Brightwood Park—Harry Wardman to Henrietta R. and Joseph S. Walsmith, lot 31, block 8, \$10.

321 D street northeast—Francis G. Davis to Herbert L. Davis, lot 34, square 45, \$10.

Que Pasa—Highlands—Frank E. Butterfield et al. to William G. Smith and Bessie F. Smith, part lot 4, \$10.

West Eckington—William W. Porter et al. to Katherine Hess, lot 8, block 3, \$1,000.

W street northwest, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets—Samuel M. Reading et al. to E. Baker Evans, lots 119 and 120, square 235, \$10.

Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—Lewis E. Breuninger et al. to Louise P. True, lot 126, \$10.

Jacob B. Walker to Aylett T. Holtzman, part lot 27, block 8, \$10.

Irving street northwest, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets—James B. Morris et al. to Lewis E. Breuninger, lots 106 block 23, Columbia Heights, \$100.

Fourteenth street northwest, between Fairmount and Girard streets (The Huntington)—Lewis E. Breuninger et al. to John W. Morris, lot 32, lot 32, \$100.

Harlowe—John A. Sullivan et al. to Aquila F. Payne, lot 4, \$10.

Eleventh street northwest, between W and X streets—James B. Morris et al. trustees, to Mary P. Mynsbridge, part lot 8, square 302, \$70.

us to John W. Morris, lot 32, lot 32, \$100.

Addition to LeDroit Park—Charles H. Williams et al. to Watson P. Newton, lot 52, block 21, \$10.

Watson P. Newton conveys same property to Charles H. Williams and Caroline M. Williams, \$10.

Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—Harry Wardman to Frank A. Donnelly, lot 91, to Lucy S. Beggs, lots 5 and 6, block 1, \$10.

Connecticut Avenue Heights—D. C. W. Smith et al. to Frank P. Reside, lot 20, square 2, \$10.

SKYSCRAPER CHANCE IN EARTHQUAKE

Chicago's newer skyscrapers, with their foundations far beneath the surface on the bed rock, would, according to the Seismological Society of Japan, stand a much better chance in an earthquake than would many of the older type buildings. It has been demonstrated that the complete isolation of the foundations of a building from the surface of the soil obtains for the building comparative immunity from damage. The reason is that the surface shakes more than the adjacent layers of the soil, just as, if several billiard balls be placed in a row, an impulse given to the first one will make only the last one fly off, while those in the middle remain nearly motionless. For the same reason it is dangerous to build near the edge of a cliff.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. E. Chibberg, a prominent citizen of Seattle, will be the president of the Alaska-Yukon exposition.

Maj. Gen. John MacArthur, who has just died in Chicago, was at one time postmaster of that city, and has a long and honorable war record.

J. Willie Pope, prominently connected with the commercial growth of Atlanta, Ga., is slated for the presidency of the proposed exposition of 1910.

Frau Eggert-Smidt, a noted German woman and member of Der Abstinenz Fräulein, is to visit this country in August and lecture in September and October on the temperance movement in Germany.

Director Corried, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, was received by Emperor Francis Joseph on Thursday, and thanked him for the Order of the Iron Crown of the third class, conferred upon him by the Emperor last December.

Lieut. George W. Kellogg has retired from the Metropolitan Museum after twenty-four years of service. Appointed in 1882, he then required only two assistants. So great has been the extension of the valuable contents that nearly 100 have been needed this year.

Prof. Milne, the eminent seismologist of Shide (Isle of Wight), says there were bigger earthquakes last year than at San Francisco, but not in the thickly populated districts. "Fishes, you know, do not write to the papers where there are serious seismic disturbances," remarked Prof. Milne.

Falling in his efforts to coax \$5,000 subscription from his friends for the erection of a new church at Roslyn, Long Island, Mrs. Clarence Mackay has notified the vestry of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church that she will bear the entire expense herself, devoting \$5,000 to that purpose.

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BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transactions in May Were the Largest in Numbers Ever Filed With the Recorder.

FIVE APARTMENT HOUSES

Increase in Frame Dwellings Fully Doubled the Number in Previous Month.

There were received for record by Deputy Recorder Dutton during the month of May 2,136 papers, which was fifteen in excess of the number filed in May, 1905, and largely in excess of any other month in the history of the record office.

GATHERING RICHES FROM OLD DEBRIS

It is a fact that within the past few years vast fortunes have been made out of what used to be thrown away. Everybody who has read anything knows of course of the savings that have been made in the packing industry. It used to be that more than half of the bulk of the cattle and hogs was wasted, but at present nothing is lost but the squeal, and probably within a year or two some enterprising and ingenious individual will figure out some use for that.

Formerly when the rust had eaten a hole or two in an old tin pan the vessel was thrown away and that was the last of it, but now the tin coat that covers the thin sheet of iron is taken off by a chemical process and used over again in the making of the tin pan.

In the first place the iron plate has to be thoroughly cleaned of rust and other substances with acids. All this used to be wasted, but lately the iron rust is made into rouge that is used to paint the cheeks of ladies and give them a counterfeit hue of youth.

In the old days the candle makers had trouble with glycerine. It was a nuisance and spoiled the candles. They have better fortunes made out of glycerine used to both the soapmakers, too, but in the past few years they have found out that they can make more money out of the glycerine than they can out of the soap.

There used to be great heaps of useless sawdust back of the sawmills of the country. The owners of the mills were glad to let anybody come and haul the stuff away. These sawdust fortunes made within the past few years from the sawdust heaps. There is acetic acid, which is made from wood, and it is said that they can get it out of the sawdust.

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No longer is the old wool suit thrown out in the alley when it has worn out, neither is it given away. It is now sent to the mills, the strands of wool are picked apart, and even your old wool pants may come back in the form of a fashionable tailor-made garment.

Still, it isn't reached the limit. There is still a good deal of waste in the world that might be utilized. There are thousands of tons of orange and lemon peels thrown away every day which cause many a pedestrian to slip and swear, which might be gathered up and from them extracted an essential oil. Some man is going to get rich some day from the orange and lemon peels of the country, and then the rest of the people will stand aghast and wonder why they didn't think of that.—Merchants' Journal.

HER PIE WON HIM.

Gossips in Somerville are busy with what they call the chief quality in Mrs. C. C. Swanson that won the heart of Grover Cleveland White, eighteen years old, who married the widow of forty-two after filing her daughter, Juniette, who is seventeen. All went well with the young sweethearts. It is said, until Juniette made the fatal mistake of introducing her admirer to the pies and cookies that her mother made.

There is no better maker of pastry in Somerville than the woman who is now Mrs. White, and there is no youth in this community fonder of cranberry tarts, crullers, and turnovers than the boy who is now her husband. Here was an affinity that left little Juniette no chance at all. That Mrs. Swanson was not insensible of her advantage, the gossips are insisting. They go so far as to assert that when she saw the boy's fancy turned lightly to thoughts of pie, she set before him the choicest products of her art. Grover Cleveland White fairly reveled in her delicious pastry. The grave danger was that he might lose his stomach as well as his heart.

After the wedding the bridegroom admitted that Mrs. Swanson courted him a little, but did not own that she did so by means of her enchanting pastry. "She surprised me," he explained, "by saying that she had thought of me from the first time I called to see Juniette. Ah, she knows how to cook, and that's more than a majority of the young girls know."—Boston Globe.

MAY RECORD FOR BUILDING